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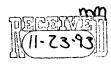
Dear Mr. Williams:

Notification of Potential Substantial Risk Information Pursuant to TSCA Section 8(e)
Oak Ridge Reservation - K-25 Site

Enclosed is a notification of potential substantial risk submitted pursuant to Section 8(e) of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) regarding previously unsuspected concentrations of polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) found in fish located in a 44-acre pond at the U. S. Department of Energy's (DOE) Oak Ridge K-25 Site. Section 8(e) of TSCA states that "any person who manufactures, processes, or distributes in commerce, a chemical substance or mixture and who obtains information which reasonably supports the conclusion that such substance or mixture presents a substantial risk of injury to health or the environment shall immediately inform the Administration of such information, unless such person has actual knowledge that the Administrator has been adequately informed of such information." The enclosed notification contains the information which appears to be required by Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) 1978 TSCA Section 8(e) Policy Statement and its July 13, 1993, proposed refinement to the Policy Statement.

The notification is based on the bioaccumulation of PCBs in fish in the K-1007-P1 pond at the K-25 Site, and which may be "widespread and previously unsuspected" at this location. The K-25 Site is owned by the DOE, is located in Roane County, Tennessee, and, as part of the Oak Ridge Reservation, is listed on the EPA's National Priorities List. As such, significant portions of the site are undergoing remedial investigation which will culminate in a comprehensive characterization of contamination at the site and appropriate remediation. EPA is exercising oversight for these activities pursuant to the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA) Section 120, and the resulting Federal Facilities Agreement between the DOE, EPA, and the State of Tennessee.

This filing is made for administrative purposes only and is not an admission that Martin Marietta Energy Systems, Inc. is subject to TSCA Section 8(e) as a result of its activities on behalf of the DOE at the Oak Ridge Reservation (including the K-25 Site), nor is it an admission that this information is required to be reported under Section 8(e). In fact, we believe that information of this type is not reportable under TSCA Section 8(e). We, therefore, request clarification of the TSCA Section 8(e)



requirement as it pertains to this Site, and offer the following information both as notice if it is required and as a fact pattern for your determination of whether such notice is required.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact C. L. Baker at (615) 574-9531.

Sincerely,

Fred R. Mynatt, Vice President Compliance, Evaluation, and Policy

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NOTIFICATION OF POTENTIAL SUBSTANTIAL RISK INFORMATION PURSUANT TO TSCA SECTION 8(e) PCB CONTAMINATION AT THE OAK RIDGE K-25 SITE

Section 8(e) of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) states that "any person who manufactures, processes, or distributes in commerce, a chemical substance or mixture and who obtains information which reasonably supports the conclusion that such substance or mixture presents a substantial risk of injury to health or the environment, shall immediately inform the Administrator of such information unless such person has actual knowledge that the Administrator has been adequately informed of such information." In accordance with Section 8(e) as specified by the requirements set forth in the March 16, 1978 Federal Register, Part V, Toxic Substances Control Act (Statement of Interpretation and Enforcement Policy; Notification of Substantial Risk), and by the proposed refinement to the Policy Statement dated July 13, 1993, the following information is being submitted.

Since we question the applicability of TSCA Section 8(e), this filing is made for administrative purposes only. It is not an admission that Martin Marietta Energy Systems, Inc., is subject to TSCA Section 8(e) as a result of its activities on behalf of the United States Department of Energy (DOE) at the Oak Ridge Reservation (including the K-25 Site), nor is it an admission that this information is required to be reported under Section 8(e).

1) Job title, name, address, telephone number, and signature of person reporting:

Fred R. Mynatt, Vice President
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Oak Ridge, Tennessee 37831-7169

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Name and address of the manufacturing, processing, or distributing establishment with which he is associated:

United States Department of Energy, Oak Ridge Reservation

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Note: Martin Marietta Energy Systems, Inc., is a contractor to the DOE and as such manages DOE facilities at the Oak Ridge Reservation.

3) Chemical substance or mixture identified (including, if known, the CAS Registry Number):

Polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) (Arochlors 1248, 1254 and 1260) CAS Registration Number: 1336-36-3

4) Summary of the adverse effects being reported, describing the nature and the extent of the risk involved:

Analytical results of PCB screening of largemouth bass collected from a 44-acre ponded tributary of Poplar Creek (K-1007-P1 pond) showed PCB concentrations in excess of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) 2 ug/g action level for PCBs. The average total concentration of four individually-analyzed bass from the K-1007-P1 pond was 33.7 (ug/g wet wt) with the highest contaminated fish being 47.8 ug/g PCBs. The 44-acre pond is located on the DOE's Oak Ridge K-25 Site. The pond had been previously posted "No Trespassing, U. S. Government Property, For Official Use Only," and now, as a result of the recently identified PCBs in the fish, is also posted as "WARNING, No Fishing, No Water Contact, Pond Contaminated, Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation." Access to this pond is limited, but public contact with the fish is possible, either through unauthorized fishing in the pond or migration of the fish out of the pond to other waterways during flood conditions. Potential ingestion of PCB-contaminated fish is the greatest pathways risk to humans.

The specific source of the information together with a summary and the source of any available supporting technical data:

The information on the PCB concentration in the fish reported in this notification was furnished by the Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL) Environmental Sciences Division personnel and reported to the K-25 Site in a letter received September 20, 1993. The data was obtained as part of the Biological Monitoring and Abatement Program required by the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit for the K-25 Site. The laboratory analyses of the fish were reevaluated and independent verification was performed on the remaining samples. Sampling of all influent streams that were discharging to the K-1007-P1 pond and the effluent from the pond to Poplar Creek for PCBs was conducted on September 21, 1993. Analytical results show no detectable PCB concentrations in the water of the influents or effluents. In addition, sampling of fish in the lower Poplar Creek showed PCB concentrations ranging from <0.1ppm to 0.8 ppm. Supporting analytical data is maintained by the ORNI. Environmental Sciences Division personnel and is available for review.



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EPA acknowledges the receipt of information submitted by your organization under Section 8(e) of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA). For your reference, copies of the first page(s) of your submission(s) are enclosed and display the TSCA §8(e) Document Control Number (e.g., 8EHQ-00-0000) assigned by EPA to your submission(s). Please cite the assigned 8(e) number when submitting follow-up or supplemental information and refer to the reverse side of this page for "EPA Information Requests".

All TSCA 8(e) submissions are placed in the public files unless confidentiality is claimed according to the procedures outlined in Part X of EPA's TSCA §8(e) policy statement (43 FR 11110, March 16, 1978). Confidential submissions received pursuant to the TSCA §8(e) Compliance Audit Program (CAP) should already contain information supporting confidentiality claims. This information is required and should be submitted if not done so previously. To substantiate claims, submit responses to the questions in the enclosure "Support Information for Confidentiality Claims". This same enclosure is used to support confidentiality claims for non-CAP submissions.

Please address any further correspondence with the Agency related to this TSCA 8(e) submission to:

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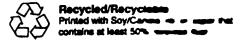
EPA looks forward to continued cooperation with your organization in its ongoing efforts to evaluate and manage potential risks posed by chemicals to health and the environment.

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Sincerely,

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